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11. (C) Post delivered reftel demarche to Ministry of Finance Joint Secretary for the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank, Govind Mohan on March 12. In a follow up meeting J/S Mohan stated that the government of India agrees with the United States' position that the proposed ADB requirement of free, prior, and informed consent is too administratively cumbersome, and that a free, prior, and informed consultation requirement would be preferable to India. Mohan relayed that India will bring this position to the as-yet-unscheduled safeguard policies review meeting. WHITE